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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 1 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.*	176th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

a) Agenda item 167 (Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Dominican Republic (A/53/234)

10 a.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [39]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

3 p.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

a) Reports of the Secretary General (A/53/550 and A/53/652)

b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52, A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (English, Spanish and Russian only))

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 42nd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.20 and L.57

(a) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.26/Rev.1

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.4 and L.55

(c) Commodities

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.5 and L.51

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.36 and L.49

Document A/C.2/52/L.14

3. Environment and sustainable development [94]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.17 and L.59

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.21 and L.58

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.25 and L.53

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action of draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.29 and L.54

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.16 and L.52

4. Operational activities for development [95]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.8 and L.56

5. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2001) [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.27 and L.48

6. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1999 and 2000 (A/C.2/53/L.50)

7. Closure of the work of the Second Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

(a) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1 (A/C.5/53/36)

(b) Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/53/L.23 (A/C.5/53/37)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

(a) Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692)

Continuation of general discussion

(b) Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45, A/53/7/Add.3 and A/C.5/53/38)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Human resources management [119]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/691)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of Conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40))

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft Reports
2. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Keynote presentation

There will be an address on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Second Committee, *today*, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the meeting. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 1 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters: trade and development)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

STATES PARTIES TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

* Following the adjournment of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries.

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) today, 1 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 2 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10.30 a.m. — 76th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/550 and A/53/652)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52, A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (English, Spanish and Russian only))

3 p.m. — 77th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: draft resolution (A/53/L.47) [46 (b)]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-third session organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 3 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first- come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder @un.org)).

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea on the theme "Seoul Forum: Asia-Africa Cooperation in Export Promotion (14-16 December 1998)", as well as on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Orientation course

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday 16 December 1998.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 30 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3950th meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-Geenral on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Afrfica (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/35).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

72nd plenary meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/53/L.55) [41]

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) made a statement.

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.55.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Malaysia, Croatia, Hungary, Indonesia, Ukraine, Jordan, Pakistan, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Slovenia.

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina orally revised draft resolution A/53/L.55.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.55 as orally revised (resolution 53/35).

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 41.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/694) [12]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/53/694).

The Assembly concluded its consideration of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.2) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/464/Add.2) (resolution 53/36).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 18 and the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) would be taken up on Thursday, 3 December 1998, in the afternoon; the reports of the First Committee would be taken up on Friday, 4 December 1998, in the afternoon; the reports of the Sixth Committee would be taken up on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, in the afternoon and the reports of the Third Committee would be taken up on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, in the afternoon.

73rd plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [39]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's Report (A/53/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Indonesia, China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Botswana, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Israel, Niger, Malaysia and India.

Programme of work

The President informed the Assembly that the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) would take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/573).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.7).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/46).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/692).

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group) and Uganda.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced and orally corrected the report of that Committee (A/53/691) as it related to documents A/53/327, A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/53/642).

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chief of the Political, Legal and Common Services Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement and responded to questions raised during the general discussion on these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and Canada.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the programme of work of the Fifth Committee for the week of 30 November to 4 December.

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba, Uganda, Mexico and Morocco. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions also made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 242nd meeitng

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Qatar read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of South Africa read a message of the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

The representative of Burkina Faso read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. David Graybeal, International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples read a message on behalf of the international network of non governmental organizations on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chile, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Niger, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Messages were received on the occasion from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, China, India, Lesotho, Malta, Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

A message was received from the Government of Uruguay.

A message was received from the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from UNESCO.

Messages were received on the occasion from the following non-governmental organizations: Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, Federación Palestina del Perú, General Union of Palestinian Women, Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes and Profesionales Pro Paz Israel-Palestina en Mexico.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1998

45th meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the Covenant [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft general comment on the domestic application of the Covenant, considered the draft general comment on the role of national institutions in the protection of economic, social and cultural rights and began its consideration of the draft general comment on benchmarks for assessing progress in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

46th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.17).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's Rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 1998

47th and 48th meetings

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SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Thailand (27 November 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Burkina Faso (30 November 1998)
Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (30 November 1998)
Signature: Lesotho (30 November 1998)
Signature: Tajikistan (30 November 1998)
Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (30 November 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" and "Journey to Bethlehem 2000". They can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from *today*, 1 December until 4 December 1998.

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed at United Nations Headquarters *today*, 1 December 1998. The programme, co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information and the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), in association with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will begin at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen will participate. A panel discussion on "Youth: A Force for Change" with the participation, among others, of actress Sharon Stone, Chairman of AmFar's Campaign for AIDS Research, and James Carmichael, Representative, UNAIDS, will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

The theme for the observance of the Day in 1998 is "Arts, culture and independent living". A message of the Secretary-General, as well as further information, can be found on the Internet at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/disid98.htm

On Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., a panel discussion on "Independent living: lifecycle approaches to sustainable and secure livelihoods of persons with disabilities", organised by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place in Conference Room 4 with the participation of distinguished experts from the academic, non-governmental and private sectors. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castañeda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Autriche
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Angola (S/1998/1110)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: draft resolution (A/53/L.47) [46 (b)]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)), 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11)) and 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9 and Add.1, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18, A/53/511 and A/53/696))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Human resources management (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502 and Add.1, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3, A/C.5/53/34 and Corr.1, and A/53/691))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	General Assembly Hall

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

1999 organizational session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	225th meeting	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft Report
2. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission *today,* 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 2 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS
(on draft resolutions A/53/L.39 and L.40)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/53/L.58 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea on the theme "Seoul Forum: Asia-Africa Cooperation in Export Promotion (14-16 December 1998)", as well as on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 3 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

10.30 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

3 p.m.	78th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/53/23 (Parts I-IX));

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/368, A/53/130 and Corr.1);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/595) [81]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/596) [82]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/597) [83]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/598) [84]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/599) [85]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/600) [86]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/601) [87]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/602) [88 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/603) [89 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/604) [90]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/594) [18]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12) [18].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 3 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on follow-up to the report of the Secretary General on "Arrangements and Practices for the Interaction of Non-governmental Organizations in all Activities of the United Nations System" (A/53/170). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Orientation course

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday 16 December 1998.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 1December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

74th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [39]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 39.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Algeria, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Yemen, Ukraine, Togo, Guyana, South Africa, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia and Qatar.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer of Palestine and the representative of Israel.

The President informed the Assembly that action on draft resolutions A/53/L.48, L.49, L.50 and L.51 would be taken on the following day, Wednesday, 2 December 1998, in the morning.

75th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/550 and A/53/652);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52, A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (English, Russian and Spanish only))

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Israel and Indonesia.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, India, the United States, Kuwait, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Egypt, Lebanon, Argentina, Jordan, Belarus, Yemen, the Russian Federation and Japan.

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the third report of the General Committee would be taken up on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a. m., as the first item.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Agenda item 167 (Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

The Chairman recalled that the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, had included the agenda item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" at its 46th plenary meeting, on 28 October 1998.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the allocation of agenda item 167 entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Mexico and France.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 167 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Dominican Republic(A/53/234)

The representative of the Dominican Republic, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly" (A/53/234).

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Ecuador, at the request of the representative of the Dominican Republic, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Ecuador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nepal, New Zealand and the Dominican Republic) made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, China, Morocco, Mongolia, France, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 42nd meeting of the Second Commitee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/232).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) *Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/53/L.23* (A/C.5/53/37)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to a question posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.23, an additional requirement of $19,000 would be required over and above the resources approved under section 22, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The additional requirements for the year 2000 would be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) *Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/ Rev.1* (A/C.5/53/36)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1, an additional provision of $33,200 would be required over and above the resources approved under section 22, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The additional requirements for the year 2000 would be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) *Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO* (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45, A/53/7/Add.3 and A/C.5/53/38)

The Chairman of the 31st session of the International Trade Centre/Joint Advisory Group made a statement.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Chairman of the 31st session of the International Trade Centre/Joint Advisory Group and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/38) and to endorse the administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre/UNCTAD/WTO, as contained in paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7/Add.3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) *Procurement reform* (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692)

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, China, the Russian Federation, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Republic of Korea, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Austria who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human resources management made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed during the general discussion on this item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs replied to questions raised by the representative of Ethiopia at the 26th meeting on 13 November 1998.

The representative of Ethiopia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item at this stage.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin tomorrow, Wednesday, 2 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Miles Armitage (Australia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Tunisia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Corrigendum to the summary of the 3949th meeting of the Security Council (see *Journal* (No. 1998/228, p. 8), below the number of the meeting replace *The situation in Haiti* by *The question concerning Haiti.*

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 1998

49th and 50th meetings

General discussion devoted to the right to education (articles 13 and 14 of the Covenant) [7]

The Committee held a day of general discussion devoted to the right to education (articles 13 and 14 of the Covenant). Members of the Committee, representatives of the various United Nations organs, representatives of non-governmental organizations as well as experts took part in the discussion.

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1998

51st and 52nd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.17) and of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.39) in closed meeting.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the Covenant [3]

The Committee considered and adopted the general comment on domestic application, as well as the general comment on the role of national institutions in realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Nicaragua (30 November 1998)*
Ratification: Sweden (30 November 1998)*

European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Geneva, 1 February 1991

Accession: Georgia (30 November 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Uzbekistan (30 November 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Accession: Georgia (30 November 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: El Salvador (30 November 1998)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Morocco (1 December 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" and "Journey to Bethlehem 2000". They can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area until 4 December 1998.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

The theme for the observance of the Day in 1998 is "Arts, culture and independent living". A message of the Secretary-General, as well as further information, can be found on the Internet at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/disid98.htm

On Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., a panel discussion on "Independent living: lifecycle approaches to sustainable and secure livelihoods of persons with disabilities", organised by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place in Conference Room 4 with the participation of distinguished experts from the academic, non-governmental and private sectors. H.E. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will serve as moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Signing ceremony

The United Nations and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) are launching a Programme of Co-operation. The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations will be followed by a panel discussion on "Accountability in Governance: Perspectives from ASPA". The event is being organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and will be held on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For information please contact: Ms. Jeanne-Marie Col (Tel: 963- 8377) or Mr.Gary Manukyan (Tel. 963-5410)

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

10 December 1998

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Opening of the plenary meeting
	Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes
	Statements on the fiftieth anniversary
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting

Other events at Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

3-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of films at 6 p.m. each evening, followed by a panel discussion

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9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Second screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Autriche
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 3 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/1110 and S/1998/1135)*

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3.30 p.m.	6th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

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* Immediately after the meeting, the Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

10.30 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

3 p.m.	78th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/53/23 (Parts I-IX));

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/368, A/53/130 and Corr.1);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/595) [81]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/596) [82]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/597) [83]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/598) [84]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/599) [85]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/600) [86]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/601) [87]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/ 602) [88 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/603) [89 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/604) [90]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/594) [18]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12) [18]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6) and Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/19)), 144 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/53/428)) and 165 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34 and Corr.1 (French only), A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Delegations are reminded that Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides as follows:

> "The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

Delegations who have not submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 27 to the Secretary-General in respect of the Fifty-third session of the Assembly are asked to do so without delay so that these credentials may be examined by the Credentials Committee at its second meeting.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 3 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP
(on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS
(on draft resolutions A/53/L.39 and L.40)

4 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place *today*, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, *today*, 3 December 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on follow-up to the report of the Secretary General on "Arrangements and Practices for the Interaction of Non-governmental Organizations in all Activities of the United Nations System" (A/53/170). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 4 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 79th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/53/576) [63]

2. Maintenance of international security-prevention of the violent disintegration of States: report of the First Committee (A/53/577) [64]

3. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/53/578) [65]

4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/579) [66]

5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/580) [67]

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/53/581) [68]

7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/53/582) [69]

8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/53/583) [70]

9. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/584) [71]

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/53/585) [72]

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/53/586) [73]

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/587) [74]

13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/53/588) [75]

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/53/589) [76]

15. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/53/590) [77]

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/53/591) [78]

17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/53/592) [79]

18. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/53/593) [80]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Credentials Committee will hold a special meeting on Friday, 4 December 1998 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 to examine the credentials of Cambodia.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Monday, 7 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 and on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

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Orientation course

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday 16 December 1998.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 1 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.20 and L.57

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), in the absence of Vice-Chairman Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.57.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made a statement in which he informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.4 and L.55

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), in the absence of Vice-Chairman Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.55.

The representative of Chile further corrected the text, and pointed out corrections in the Spanish version. The representative of China corrected the Chinese version of the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/53/228 and A/53/479.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 91 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and adopted an oral decision proposed by the Chairman taking note of document A/53/512.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 93 (c).

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.36 and L.49

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.49.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.36 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/53/85, A/53/374 and A/53/296.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 93 (d) and of agenda item 93 as a whole.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.17 and L.59

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.59.

The representative of France corrected the French version of the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.21 and L.58

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced and orally amended draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.58.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.25 and L.53

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.53.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.25 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (a).

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and adopted an oral decision proposed by Chairman taking note of document A/53/449.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (b).

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.29 and L.54

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.54.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (d).

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drough.. and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.16 and L.52

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.52.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (e).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/53/156-E/1998/78.

The Chairman also brought to the attention of the Committee document A/C.2/53/10.

The Committee thus concluded agenda item 94 as a whole.

Operational activities for development [95]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.8 and L.56

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.56.

The representative of China corrected the Chinese version of the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/53/226 and Add.1-4, A/53/154 and A/53/363.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2001) [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.27 and L.48

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.48.

The representative of China corrected the Chinese version of the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.27 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/53/223.

The Chairman also brought to the attention of the Committee document A/C.2/53/7.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.26/Rev.2

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), in the absence of Vice-Chairman Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of Indonesia informed the Committee that Norway had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Saint Lucia, Fiji and Turkey.

Subsequently, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya corrected the Arabic version of the text.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), and A/53/510.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 91 (a).

(c) Commodities

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.5 and L.51

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), requested a suspension of the meeting.

On the resumption of the meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced and revised draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.51.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.5 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 91 (c) and of agenda item 91 as a whole.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1999 and 2000 [12]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Secretary of the Committee introduced and orally revised the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1999-2000, as contained in document A/C/2/53/L.50.

The Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of Department of Economic and Social Affairs suggested a substantive revision to the document.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1999-2000, as orally revised.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, China and Venezuela.

The Chairman then declared the work of the Second Committee closed.

Wednesday, 2 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

76th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/550, A/53/652);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52, A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (English, Russian and Spanish only))

The representative of Qatar made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.52.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.53.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cyprus, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Australia, Chile and Cuba.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/53/L.52 and L.53.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/53/L.52 (recorded vote) (resolution 53/37)	149	1	7
Draft resolution A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (recorded vote) (resolution 53/38)	97	2	58

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey, Argentina and Peru.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Iraq, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 40.

Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50, A/53/L.51) [39]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/53/L.48, L.49, L.50 and L.51.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/53/L.48 (recorded vote) (resolution 53/39)	110	2	48
Draft resolution A/53/L.49 (recorded vote) (resolution 53/40)	111	2	48
Draft resolution A/53/L.50 (recorded vote) (resolution 53/41)	156	2	2
Draft resolution A/53/L.51 (recorded vote) (resolution 53/42)	154	2	3

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Mexico, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of China made a statement on a point of order.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Cuba made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 39.

Programme of work

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1998 would be limited to five minutes.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observers of Switzerland and the Holy See in the commemoration in the plenary on 10 December 1998.

Tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly

The General Assembly's attention was drawn to document A/INF/53/3/Add.4 which contains a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the period from 2 to 10 December 1998.

The Assembly was informed that agenda item 160 (Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers) would be considered on Monday, 7 December 1998, instead of on Friday, 4 December 1998, as previously announced.

77th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: draft resolution (A/53/L.47) [46 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Cyprus, Monaco, the United States, Liechtenstein, Ukraine, Poland and Turkey.

The representative of Armenia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.47.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the Russian Federation, Norway, Cuba and Rwanda.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.47 (resolution 53/43).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey and Armenia.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 46 (b).

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION 225th meeting

Opening of the session

The 1998 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission was opened by the Vice-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Fernando Guillén, who made a statement.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Disarmament Commission adopted a provisional agenda for the 1998 organizational session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.43.

Election of the Chairman and other officers

The Commission elected, Mrs. Angelica Arce, as Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

It was decided that further consultations will be held with regard to candidates for the post of the Chairman of the Commission as well as the remaining vacant posts of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

Adoption of draft provisional agenda

The Commission has considered the draft provisional agenda for the 1999 substantive session as contained in document A/CN.10/1998/CRP.7.

Organizational Matters

The Commission has established three working groups. Working Group I dealing with "The establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned"; Working Group II on "The fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" and Working Group III dealing with " Guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament, with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N".

The Commission by acclamation elected H.E. Emilio Izquierdo (Ecuador) and Mr. Michael Hoey (Ireland) as Chairmen of Working Groups I and III respectively.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1998

53rd and 54th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.39) and of the third periodic report of Germany (E/1994/104/Add.14) by adopting concluding observations with respect to each of them.

The Committee continued the examination of the third periodic report of Cyprus (E/1994/104/Add.12).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Lesotho (2 December 1998)*

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 1999.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Sweden (2 December 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" and "Journey to Bethlehem 2000". They can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area until 4 December 1998.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

The theme for the observance of the Day in 1998 is "Arts, culture and independent living". A message of the Secretary-General, as well as further information, can be found on the Internet at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/disid98.htm

Today, 3 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., a panel discussion on "Independent living: lifecycle approaches to sustainable and secure livelihoods of persons with disabilities", organised by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place in *Conference Room 2* with the participation of distinguished experts from the academic, non-governmental and private sectors. H.E. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will serve as moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

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Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 79th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/53/576) [63]

2. Maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States: report of the First Committee (A/53/577) [64]

3. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/53/578) [65]

4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/579) [66]

5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/580) [67]

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/53/581) [68]

7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/53/582) [69]

8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/53/583) [70]

9. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/584) [71]

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/53/585) [72]

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/53/586) [73]

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/587) [74]

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13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/53/588) [75]

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/53/589) [76]

15. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/53/590) [77]

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/53/591) [78]

17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/53/592) [79]

18. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/53/593) [80]

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 39th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures (A/52/852)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned (A/53/410)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.57 (A/C.5/53/39)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867 and A/53/508)

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only), A/53/134, A/C.5/53/41, A/C.5/53/42, A/C.5/ 53/43 and A/C.5/53/44))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

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* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

6.30 p.m.- 7.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1 and A/ 53/513))

7.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669))

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	special meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates under section 1: United Nations Political Office in Bougainville
2. Mini-executive on the Board of Auditors
3. Draft report

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1393rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides as follows:

"The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

Delegations that have not submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 27 to the Secretary-General in respect of the fifty-third session of the Assembly are asked to do so without delay so that these credentials may be examined by the Credentials Committee at its 2nd meeting.

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Friday, 4 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission for Sustainable Development: Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 4 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 7 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 80th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: third report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.2) [8]

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4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/53/L.62) [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/53/L.59) [20 (a)]

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44) [20 (b)]

5. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/53/L.39) [24]

6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/53/L.21/Rev.1) [35]

7. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/53/L.40) [164]

8. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

   (a) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

   (b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/698, A/53/699)

9. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

10. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/707) [17 (a)]

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/708) [17 (b)]

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/709) [17 (c)]

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/710) [17 (d)]

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711) [17 (e)]

(f) International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712) [17 (f)]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 7 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on *Wednesday, 9 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.*

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

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Orientation course

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday, 16 December 1998.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 3 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3951st meeting

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/1110)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at her request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1135, which had been submitted by Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Angola.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1135).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1135) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1213 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

78th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 78th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/234).

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Turkey, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Spain, Canada, Belgium, China, Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, United States, France, Tunisia, Portugal, Sweden, the European Commission and Jordan.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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55th and 56th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Cyprus (E/1994/104/Add.12) and of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33) by adopting concluding observations with respect to each of them.

The Committee also continued the examination of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.14).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Accession: Djibouti (2 December 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Estonia (3 December 1998)

Signature: Viet Nam (3 December 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Solomon Islands (3 December 1998)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (3 December 1998)

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Exhibition

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Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" and "Journey to Bethlehem 2000". They can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area until *today*, 4 December 1998.

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   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.43/Rev.1)

5. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/53/L.62) [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/53/L.59) [20 (a)]

(continued overleaf)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44, A/53/L.63) [20 (b)]

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people [20 (d)]:

(i) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.54/Rev.1, A/53/L.56)

(ii) Draft decision (A/53/L.65)

6. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/53/L.39/Rev.1) [24]

7. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/53/ L.21/Rev.1) [35]

8. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/53/L.40/Rev.1) [164]

9. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

(b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/698, A/53/699)

10. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

11. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/707) [17 (a)]

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/708) [17 (b)]

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/709) [17 (c)]

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/710) [17 (d)]

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711) [17 (e)]

(f) International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712) [17 (f)]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)

   Conclusion of general discussion

4. Human resources management [119]

   Respect for privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations, including a section on the ability of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to carry out their functions as a result of Member States' restrictions (A/C.5/52/2 and A/53/501)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only), A/53/134, A/C.5/53/41, A/C.5/53/42, A/C.5/53/43 and A/C.5/53/44)) and 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of Conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4, A/C.5/53/27 and A/53/688))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Environment Programme

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 7 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides as follows:

"The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

Delegations that have not submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 27 to the Secretary-General in respect of the fifty-third session of the Assembly are asked to do so without delay so that these credentials may be examined by the Credentials Committee at its 2nd meeting.

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* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 7 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on draft resolutions A/53/L.39 and L.40)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the organization of work of the Commission on the Status of Women)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission for Sustainable Development: Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Monday, 7 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Monday, 7 December 1998, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7, on the draft decision to follow-up to the report of the Secretary General on "Arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system" (A/53/170). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 82nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]

2. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]

3. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]

4. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]

5. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]

6. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [57]

7. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [43]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/564)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.57)

3 p.m. 83rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/627) [146]

2. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/628) [147]

3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/629) [148]

4. United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/630) [149]

5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/631) [150]

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/632) [151]

7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/633) [152]

8. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/634) [153]

9. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/635) [154]

10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/636) [155]

11. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/637) [156]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 3 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

78th plenary meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

(a) *Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/53/23 (Parts I-IX))*

(b) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/368, A/53/130 and Corr.1)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12)*

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced the Committee's report (A/53/23).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria and Papua New Guinea.

Members were informed that action on the draft resolutions submitted under this item would be taken after the General Assembly had considered the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda on agenda items 81 to 87, 88 and 18, 89 and 12 and 90 and 18.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/595) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/595) (resolution 53/44).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/596) [82]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/596) (resolution 53/45).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/597) [83]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the seven draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/53/597).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 53/46)	157	1	2
Draft resolution II (resolution 53/47)		adopted	
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 53/48)	156	2	1
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 53/49)	160	0	1
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 53/50)	157	2	2
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 53/51)	156	2	1
Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 53/52)	156	2	2

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/598) [84]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 21 of its report A/53/598.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 53/53)	86	2	67
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 53/54)	155	2	2
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 53/55)	150	3	2
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 53/56)	151	2	4
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 53/57)	150	1	6

The representative of Swaziland made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/599) [85]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/599) (resolution 53/58).

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 85.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/600) [86]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/600) (resolutions 53/59 A and B).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/600).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 86.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/601) [87]

By 156 votes to 0, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/601) (resolution 53/60).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/602) [88 and 18]

By 154 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/602) (resolution 53/61).

By 99 votes to 54, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/53/602).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/603) [89 and 12]

By 112 votes to 0, with 51 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/603) (resolution 53/62).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/604) [90]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/604) (resolution 53/63).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/594) [18]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II, III and IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 34 of its report (A/53/594) (resolutions 53/64, 53/65, 53/66 and 53/67).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 35 of its report (A/53/594).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12) [18]

By 144 votes to 2, with 18 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.58 (resolution 53/68).

By 156 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 12, Part II, Chapter III of document A/53/23 (resolution 53/69).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18.

Programme of work: commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 1998)

The General Assembly was informed that the opening of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the award of human rights prizes will be held in the General Assembly Hall at 10 a.m. For logistical reasons, the commemoration will continue the same morning and for the rest of the day in Conference Room 4, where all statements by Member States and observers will be heard.

Friday, 4 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

79th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 79th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/235).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the first performance report (A/53/693).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.8).

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

The Director of the Management Policy Office of the Department of Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/852).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally reported on the observations of the Committee on this question.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Chile.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

The representative of Australia also made a proposal.

The Committee decided to revert to this matter at a later stage.

Net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/410).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally reported on the observations of the Committee on this question.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned (A/53/410), and to endorse the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.57 (A/C.5/53/39 and A/53/723)

The Committee had before it the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.57 (A/C.5/53/39).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/723).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.57, an additional appropriation of $5, 919,800 would be required under section 3 (Peacekeeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $849,800 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718)

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/220).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/718).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Cameroon.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on Monday, 7 December, at 1 p.m.

Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867 and A/53/508)

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that they would revert to this question at a later stage.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that statements by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend) and Ethiopia on agenda item 119 (Human resources management: Report of the Secretary-General on behalf of and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the respect for privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations, including a section on the ability of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to carry out their functions as a result of Member States' restrictions) would be delivered on Monday, 7 December, in the morning.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cuba, Costa Rica, Egypt and Indonesia.

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1998

57th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.14) by adopting concluding observations.

The Committee thus concluded its work under agenda item 6.

Report of the Committee to the Economic and Social Council [9]

The Committee considered and adopted its annual report.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared the nineteenth session closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Saint Kitts and Nevis (2 December 1998)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Argentina (4 December 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Gambia (4 December 1998)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Sudan (4 December 1998)

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Bulgaria (3 December 1998)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Bulgaria (3 December 1998)*

Amendments to articles 6 (6) and 7 (1) of the Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Trieste, Italy, 3 December 1996

Ratification: Venezuela (4 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

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Signing ceremony

The United Nations and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) are launching a Programme of Co-operation. The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations, organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. A panel discussion on "Accountability in Governance: Perspectives from ASPA" will follow. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Jeanne-Marie Col (tel.: 963-8377) or Mr. Gary Manukyan (tel.: 963-5410).

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

10 December 1998

Plenary meeting
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

General Assembly Hall

Opening of the commemoration

Award of human rights prizes

Conference Room 4

Statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

Plenary meeting
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Conference Room 4

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

Plenary meeting
starting at 9.30 p.m.

Conference Room 4

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

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* See list of speakers below. At its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, the General Assembly decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration would be limited to five minutes.

List of speakers for the commemoration

1. Algeria
2. New Zealand
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Claire Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Hilda Frafjord Johnson, Minister For Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. Canada
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Mexico (H.E. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine[1]
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta
39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay

55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland
59. Germany
60. Senegal
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala
100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See (H.E. Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, Secretary for Relations with States and Special Envoy of His Holiness Pope John Paul II)
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)

Other events at Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

3-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

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9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing

	Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)
5.30 p.m.	Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
6.30 p.m.	Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.	Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Autriche
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

Briefing by Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Afghanistan (S/1998/1139 and S/1998/1140)*

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	82nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.64) [20 (b)]

(continued overleaf)

2. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]

3. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]

4. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]

5. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]

6. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]

7. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [43]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/564)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.57)

   (c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/732)

3 p.m. 83rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/627) [146]

2. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/628) [147]

3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/629) [148]

4. United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/630) [149]

5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/631) [150]

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/632) [151]

7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/633) [152]

8. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/634) [153]

9. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/635) [154]

10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/636) [155]

11. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/637) [156]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations pension system [121]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.15

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

   Conclusion of general discussion

   Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.7)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8) and tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account and utilization of the development dividend (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)) and 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Meeting with the Panel of External Auditors

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 8 December 1998

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP:
SECOND COMMITTEE EXPERTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON
THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 8 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Dialogue

A dialogue on "Responses of Transition Economies to the Global Financial Crisis", organized by the United Nations Development Programme, will take place *today*, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Keynote addresses will be made by Mr. Eduardo Aninat, Minister of Finance of Chile, and senior governmental officials from Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. **84th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/346, A/53/455, A/53/695)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

3 p.m. **85th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/53/615) [100]
2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/53/616) [101]
3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/53/617) [102]
4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/618) [103]
5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/619) [104]
6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/620) [105]
7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/53/621) [106]
8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/53/622) [107]
9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]:

   (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/623)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/727)
10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/53/624) [109]
11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625) [110]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments:

        (i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.1)

        (ii) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/728)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.3)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.4)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.5)

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/53/614) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communi- cate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Permanent missions must ensure that standard delegation passes are obtained and other logistic arrangements are made for their participating representatives.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Regional Group of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review developments in 1998, the election of the President of the Executive Board and other matters.

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Informal presentation

A presentation on "Science for the Sustainability Transition", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will be given by Professor William Clark, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 4 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

79th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 63 to 80.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/53/576) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/576) (resolution 53/70).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States: report of the First Committee (A/53/577) [64]

By 156 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/577) (resolution 53/71).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/53/578) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/578) (resolution 53/72).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/579) [66]

By 99 votes to 45, with 23 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/579) (resolution 53/73).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/580) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/580) (resolution 53/74).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/53/581) [68]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/53/581).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/53/582) [69]

By 117 votes to 0, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/582) (resolution 53/75).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/53/583) [70]

By 165 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/583) (resolution 53/76).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/53/584) [71]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in para-graph 89 of its report (A/53/584).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malta, Hungary (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Botswana, El Salvador, Zambia and the Russian Federation.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 53/77 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 53/77 B)		adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 53/77 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 53/77 D)		adopted	
Draft resolution E Fourth prembular paragraph (recorded vote)	152	0	13
Draft resolution E as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 E)	169	0	1
Draft resolution F Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	99	0	68
Draft resolution F as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 F)	108	45	17
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 G)	118	9	33
Draft resolution H (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 H)	63	44	47
Draft resolution I (resolution 53/77 I)		adopted	
Draft resolution J (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 J)	170	0	4
Draft resolution K (resolution 53/77 K)		adopted	
Draft resolution L (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 L)	168	0	5
Draft resolution M (resolution 53/77 M)		adopted	
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 N)	147	0	21
Draft resolution O (resolution 53/77 O)		adopted	
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 P)	164	1	2
Draft resolution Q "and South Asia" at the end of oprative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	141	2	20
Draft resolution Q Operative paragraph 3 as a whole (recorded vote)	146	2	15
Draft resolution Q as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 Q)	154	3	10
Draft resolution R as orally revised (resolution 53/77 R		adopted	
Draft resolution S Eighth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	163	2	3
Draft resolution S Operative paragraph 3 (b) (recorded vote)	95	47	18
Draft resolution S as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 S)	104	46	17
Draft resolution T (resolution 53/77 T)		adopted	

Draft resolution U Second preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	159	1	3
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	166	3	2
Draft resolution U as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 U)	160	0	11
Draft resolution V Operative paragraph 4 (recorded vote)	156	0	10
Draft resolution V Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	155	0	11
Draft resolution V as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 V)	159	0	12
Draft resolution W Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	159	4	8
Draft resolution W as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 W)	123	25	25
Draft resolution X (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 X)	110	41	18
Draft resolution Y Operative paragraph 8 (recorded vote)	160	3	2
Draft resolution Y Operative paragraph 17 (recorded vote)	156	1	5
Draft resolution Y as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 Y)	114	18	38
Draft resolution Z (recorded vote) (resolution 53/77 Z)	166	0	8
Draft resolution AA (resolution 53/77 AA)		adopted	

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, Mongolia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand, Yemen and Cameroon.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of Algeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/53/585) [72]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/53/585).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 53/78 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 53/78 B)		adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 53/78 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D Eighth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	103	39	21
Draft resolution D as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/78 D)	111	39	22
Draft resolution E (resolution 53/78 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 53/78 F)		adopted	
Draft resolution G (resolution 53/78 G)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/53/586) [73]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/586) (resolutions 53/79 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/53/587) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/587).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	162	2	2
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/80)	158	2	11

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/53/588) [75]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/588) (resolution 53/81).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/53/589) [76]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/589) (resolution 53/82).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/53/590) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/590) (resolution 53/83).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/53/591) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/591) (resolution 53/84).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/53/592) [79]

By 164 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/592).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/53/593) [80]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/53/593).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Monday, 7 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

80th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8]:

(a) Third report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.2);

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to consider agenda item 167 entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" directly in plenary meeting.

The Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly".

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/235)

The Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-third session an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee" under agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) and to allocate the additional sub-item to the Fifth Committee.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: special report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/726) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 7 of its special report (A/53/726) (resolution 53/23 B).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [36]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/672);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.60);

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.61)

The representative of Poland made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.60.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/53/L.61.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Slovakia, Malta, Ukraine, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, the Russian Federation, Croatia, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Kazakhstan.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

The representative of Armenia moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/53/L.61).

The representative of Azerbaijan spoke against the motion.

By 32 votes to 1, with 96 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly proceeded to vote on the amendment (A/53/L.61).

By 114 votes to 1, with 20 abstentions (recorded vote), the amendment contained in document A/53/L.61 was adopted.

The Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/53/L.60 as amended.

By 143 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.60 as amended (resolution 53/85).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Armenia and China.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: special report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/726) [3]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 3.

H.E. Mr. Hor Nam Hong, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, made a statement.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

81st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 81st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/236).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would conclude the general discussion of this question Tuesday, 8 December, in the morning.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guatemala (on behalf of the States of Central America and the Dominican Republic), Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would conclude the general discussion of this question Tuesday, 8 December, in the morning.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consideration of this question would be held in the context of the ongoing informal consultations on the matter.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Respect for privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations including a section on the ability of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to carry out their functions as a result of Mem-ber States' restrictions (A/C.5/52/2 and A/53/501)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Rwanda.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consideration of this question would be held in the context of the ongoing informal consultations on the item.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 8 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

10 December 1998

Plenary meeting
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

General Assembly Hall

Opening of the commemoration

Award of human rights prizes

Conference Room 4

Statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

Plenary meeting
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Conference Room 4

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

Plenary meeting
starting at 9.30 p.m.

Conference Room 4

Continuation of the commemoration: statements on the fiftieth anniversary*

List of speakers for the commemoration

1. Algeria
2. New Zealand
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Ms. Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister for International Development and Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. Canada
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Mexico (H.E. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine[§]
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta
39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela (H.E. Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Internal Relations)
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay
55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland (H.E. Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister)

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* See list of speakers below. At its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, the General Assembly decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration would be limited to five minutes.

59. Germany
60. Senegal
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala
100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan
109. Democratic Republic of the Congo

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See (H.E. Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, Secretary for Relations with States and Special Envoy of His Holiness Pope John Paul II)
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)

Other events at Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

8-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium *today* and *tomorrow*, 8 and 9 December

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

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9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presenta-tion of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

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